

REMARKS

In an Office Action mailed September 11, 2008, the Examiner has imposed an Election of Species Requirement amongst the following species under PCT Rule 13.1:

- A. A hydrocarbon selected from the following:
 - i) 4-hydroxybenzoic acid,
 - ii) benzaldehyde,
 - iii) any other hydrocarbon (please specify), or
 - iv) a mixture of hydrocarbons from the above (please specify compounds)

- B. One or more components below of the solvent impregnated carrier
 - 1) polymeric carrier selected from:
 - a) polystyrene,
 - b) polypropylene or polyethylene,
 - c) polytetrafluoroethylene,
 - d) silicone,
 - e) (regenerated) cellulose,
 - f) other (please specify),
 - g) mixture of the above (please specify),
 - h) copolymers of the above (please specify),
 - i) crosslinked of any of the above (please specify), or
 - j) any combination of the above (please specify)

 - 2) inorganic carrier selected from:
 - a) silica,
 - b) alumina,
 - c) aluminosilicates,
 - d) other (please specify), or
 - e) any combination of above (please specify),

 - 3) carrier:
 - a) any carrier other than above 1 or 2 (please specify), or
 - b) any combination of above 1 (polymeric), 2 (inorganic), or 3(a) (please specify),

- C. A biocatalyst selected from:
 - a) *Pseudomonas putida*,
 - b) *E. Coli*,
 - c) *Sacharomyces cerevisiae*,
 - d) *Lactobacillus* species,
 - e) *Aspergillus niger*,

- f) other combination (please specify), or
- g) any combination of the above (please specify)

In response to the Election of Species Requirement, applicants elect the following species **without traverse**:

- A. A hydrocarbon selected from the following:
 - iii) para-hydroxystyrene
- B. One or more components below of the solvent impregnated carrier
 - 1) polymeric carrier selected from:
 - a) polystyrene
 - 2) inorganic carrier selected from:
 - c) aluminosilicates
 - 3) carrier:
 - b) 1 (polymeric), e.g., polystyrene
- C. A biocatalyst selected from:
 - a) Pseudomonas putida

Applicants believe **claims 1-11** encompass the elected species.

Prior to the present amendment, claims 1-11 were pending. By the present amendment, applicants have amended claim 3. Accordingly, claims 1-11 are pending.

In the restriction requirement, the examiner stated that the term “components” in claim 3 was vague and indefinite in scope. Accordingly, applicants have amended claim 3 to remove the term “components.” No new matter has been entered by the amendment of the claims. Entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

It is now believed that this application is in condition for further consideration and examination. If resolution of any remaining issues is required prior to examination of the application, it is respectfully requested that the examiner contact applicants' attorney at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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